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REPLY AND AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In complete response to the Office Action mailed March 22, 2002, please amend the
above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly replace the paragraph beginning on page 24, line 10, as follows:

E --The purified AcM1 are homopolymerized in the presence of glutaraldehyde at
0.25% for hours at 4°C. The reaction is stopped by adding a 0.2 M glycine buffer and the
polymers are dialysed against PBS.--